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After consultation with the President, the Secretary of State announced today that he was constituting a special board to examine the overall impact of American policies of our foreign relations. The members of this Board will confer with the Secretary of State on ways and means to give maximum effect to our overseas policies in the political, economic, military, and other fields, and will advise with respect to courses of action best adapted in various parts of the world to promote the interests of the free world and to meet the aggressive subversive techniques of the Communists.

This Board under the chairmanship of the Secretary of State will be composed of (a designee of the Department of Defense, Governor Harold Stassen, Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, Mr. Joseph Dodge, Mr. Dillon Anderson, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Director of USIA, etc., etc.)

The Secretary of State further announced that he would constitute an advisory board, or boards, of prominent private citizens to deal with certain specific problems within the general competence of the Board and thus to take advantage of talented persons outside of government who are in a position to contribute toward advancing the objectives of this Government and to help in utilizing all of its resources toward creating a basis for a stable peace.

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